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To express the sense of the Senate on border crossing fees.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate on border crossing fees.

Whereas in the budget of the United States for fiscal year 1996 that was submitted to Congress, the President proposed to impose and collect a border crossing fee for individuals and vehicles entering the United States;

Whereas both the Canadian and Mexican governments have expressed opposition to the imposition and collection of such a fee and have raised the possibility of imposing retaliatory border crossing fees of their own;

Whereas the imposition and collection of such a fee would have adverse affects on tourism and commerce that depend on travel across the borders of the United States;

Whereas the imposition and collection of such a fee would have such effects without addressing illegal immigration in a meaningful way;

Whereas on February 22, 1995, the President modified his proposal making the imposition of the new fees voluntary on United States border States (but tied the availability of Federal funds to improve border crossing infrastructure on their willingness to impose such fees); and

Whereas on May 4, 1995, the President further modified the border crossing fee proposal in immigration control legislation he submitted to Congress setting a \$1.50 per car and \$.75 per pedestrian fee structure: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
- 2 United States Government should not impose or collect a
- 3 border crossing fee along its borders with Canada and
- 4 Mexico.

